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Juniors to Present "Twilight Serenade"

Student Council News

Flags Eye-Catchers in Auditorium

The Student Council has been beneficial to the high school throughout the entire year, their latest project being the purchase of a new American flag. The State flag was cleaned and now hangs with the new American flag in their new positions, one on each side of the stage. The school is grateful to the council for the adding of these beautiful attractions to our auditorium.

\$100 Scholarship to Be Awarded

The Student Council, for the first time, will award a \$100 scholarship to a worthy senior girl or boy at the graduation exercises in June. To be eligible for the scholarship, seniors were obligated to fill out application blanks which were to be returned to Mr. Holmes by May 1, 1954.

F.F.A. Wins Again

The Agawam Chapter, for the third consecutive year, has won both the gold and silver plaque for outstanding work in rodent control in the town of Agawam.

The University of Wisconsin Research Foundation makes this annual presentation to outstanding chapters throughout our nation.

Our Agawam Chapter is the only chapter in Massachusetts to receive this award for three consecutive years.

The boys this year, put rodenticide on 72 farms throughout our town, with no service fees attached. They also did the Agawam High School building.

President Jim Reardon and Vice-President Bill Rhodes are now in the process of doing an outstanding community service. They are putting "pick up" U. S. mailboxes in key places throughout the town. Now many citizens can mail their letters and small parcels conveniently near their homes.

The Agawam Chapter will serve as a police force for the annual all-school amateur show which will be held on May 7, 1954. The boys will maintain order throughout the auditorium while the contestants are performing for top honors.

Opposed to McCarthy's Tactics

On April 9th and 10th, five delegates from Agawam High School attended the fourteenth annual Model Congress, sponsored by and held at American International College. The delegation included Representatives: Arlene Egbert, Lawrence Gallerani, and Richard Davenport; Senators, Theresa Morassi and John Bumsted. Mr. Holmes of the faculty accompanied the group. After registering at the library, the students went to the main college building, Lee Hall, for opening proceedings, and a State of the Union address by Admiral John F. Hines, president of the college.

There was a short welcoming speech by Mayor Brunton, and then the address by the president. In it he reminded the delegates that they had certain duties to perform—to their constituents, and more important, to their country. He advised them not to pass any legislation which would send our country further into debt, and he spoke at length on voting at eighteen, and statehood for Hawaii and Alaska. The delegates were then divided into committees similar to those of the real congress.

In the committees themselves all bills were thoroughly discussed, and were then sent to the Houses of Congress with recommendations to pass, not

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Behrens, Hastings, Doolittle Chosen

Three capable juniors have been chosen to represent Agawam High School. All three are honor pupils.

The first is Betty Behrens, a popular member of the Junior Class. Betty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Behrens, 32 Reed Street. She has been chosen to go to Girls' State. Betty is assistant editor of the Mirror, a member of I.R.C., and is well known for her 4-H work and leadership.

Second is that popular junior, Donnie Hastings. Donnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Hastings, 2 Colonial Avenue. He has been chosen to go to Boys' State. Don has been class president for three consecutive years, a member of the Personality Club, I.R.C., the Mirror, and was one of the outstanding five on our basketball team.

Third is Jerome Doolittle. Jerome is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Doolittle, 1100 River Road. He has been chosen as Student Host to represent Agawam High on Governors' Day at the Eastern States Exposition. In the recent Economy Run, Jerry placed first.

I'm sure we all agree that excellent taste was shown with the selection of these three well-known juniors.

Congratulations—Betty, Don, and Jerry!

L. Gallerani Heads W.M.A.S.C.

On April 1 nine delegates from the Agawam High School Student Council went to Chicopee High for the spring meeting of the Western Massachusetts Association of Student Councils.

Registration started at 2:30 p. m., and the Chicopee High swing band played for our enjoyment until 3:15.

The session was called to order by Marilyn Czelusniak, president of Chicopee High's Student Council. Lieutenant Fitzpatrick of the Chicopee Police force gave the main address after welcomes by members of the school department.

Chicopee High presented a skit depicting scenes from their Student Court which is run by the council. This court tries and punishes students convicted of such offenses as eating in corridors and smoking.

We then broke up into discussion groups in which we discussed the Student Council from various viewpoints.

After the supper, the business meeting was held at which time Larry Gallerani was elected president of the association. Congratulations, Larry. We know you'll do well. Incidentally the other officers are both girls!

After the business meeting, students from Chicopee High presented a very interesting and enjoyable entertainment program.

The Junior class will present the annual Junior-Senior Promenade on Friday evening, May 21, at 8 o'clock. The theme will revolve around a country garden scene, brook and all.

The music will be furnished by Eddie Abrahamson and his Commanders. They have a 9 piece orchestra with three marvelous vocalists. John Beltrandi and Chestra Nicora were in charge of acquiring this orchestra.

The general chairman of the Prom is Donald Hastings. Jean Brezinski is in charge of decorations; Leonard Rising heads the refreshment committee; publicity and tickets are under Larry Gallerani's guidance; Gail Tootil heads the program committee; and the directing of ushers is the job of Shirley Whitehead.

The committees are working very hard to give the Seniors the best Prom ever. With the Juniors doing the job everybody is guaranteed of a wonderful time.

Remember BOYS, the "TWILIGHT SERENADE" May 21, 1954!

Agawam Indian Says:

Patience is the companion of wisdom. Hurry is the weakness of fools. He is most cheated who cheats himself.

To think is to live. Better be a coward than foolhardy. Hatreds are the cinders of affection. Make every day a cheerful day. The beginning of health is sleep.

Future Events

May 3	Parents' Night
4	Easthampton—Home
5	Trade—Home
7	Ludlow—Away
7	Amateur Show
11	Palmer—Home
14	West Spfld.—Away
15	Music Festival at Pittsfield
18	Ware—Home
21	Enfield—Home
21	Junior-Senior Promenade
25	South Hadley—Home
28	Easthampton—Away

The State F.F.A. tractor contest will be held at the Norfolk County Agricultural school on Friday, May 14, 1954.



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Quiz For English Teachers

English, they say, is the language most used,

Most spoken, most written, most cruelly abused.

The plural of box we all know is boxes,

Yet the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes.

One goose is a goose, but two are called geese

But why isn't more than one moose quoted as meese?

A mouse and his family are mentioned as mice,

But the plural of house is houses, not hicc.

The plural of brother is brothers, or brethren

And yet we say mothers, but never say methren.

The plural of man? The answer is men.

The plural of pan? Who'd dare to say pen?

If more than one tooth we'll designate teeth,

Then why isn't more than one booth termed as beeth?

If one thing is THAT and three things are THOSE

Then why do we swear at cats not cose?

A cow in the plural is sometimes the kine,

But whoever spoke of two vows as vine?

You can readily double a foot and have feet

But try as you will you can't make root reet.

If this in my hand were two, 'twould be these,

And yet is the plural of kiss ever kesse?

We classify pronouns as he, his, and him,

But never, it's certain, is she, this, and shim.

No wonder then, foreigners nearly go mad

And speak our good English atrociously bad!

Red Cross News

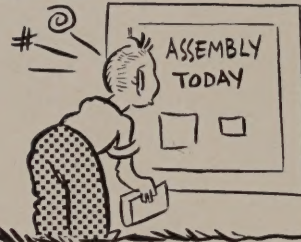
Beverly Marieb represented our Junior Red Cross in a neighboring Red Cross Convention held in Boston on April 3.

The convention was held to discuss problems which arise in the school Red Cross clubs, and also to receive suggestions which each representative could apply to their own club problems.

A few of the problems which came up were how to get a better enrollment and keep both girl and boy members interested, how to get the school to help fill gift boxes, and many others. Most of these were solved in the discussion and debating groups in which almost every representative contributed.

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Klub Kapers

Personality

Recent Personality meetings have included 2 guest speakers, among them was Miss Theresa Vedany; former Agawam High student, Class of '50. Theresa told about her experiences during a recent trip to Italy.

On April 9, Mr. Dwain Mercham, a hand writing specialist, analyzed several students' handwriting at an interesting meeting. There were surprises in store for a few of the members!

Tri Hi Y

On March 28 the Tri Hi Y club held its annual covered dish supper. Mary Pond, chairman, did a wonderful job in planning the successful evening.

I.R.C.

A sophomore panel, consisting of Mary Magovern, Josephine Alfano, Marion Templeman, Shirley Spenelli, and Susan La Francis, participated in an interesting panel discussion on "Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico" at a recent I.R.C. meeting.

F.T.A.

On Saturday, April 10, 2 members of F.T.A., Ann Zucco and Marjorie Magovern, accompanied by Advisor Miss Miller, attended a conference at Bridgewater, at which time "Teacher Recruitment" was discussed.

POET'S CORNER

It frequently avoids a tiff
And changes tears to purrs
If lipstick on your handkerchief
Exactly matches hers!

I've just left the home of my steady;
I cannot be one of their clan.
They treat me like one of the family.
I've stood it as long as I can!

Young lady, be wary of Cupid
And heed to the lines of this verse.
To let a fool kiss you is stupid;
To let a kiss fool you is worse.

I shall now illustrate what I have in mind,
said the teacher as he erased the blackboard.

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Here we are again and just bursting with news, so pull up a chair and sit down—doubt if you can stand during it!

Flash! Whose ring is Terry C. wearing and what Soph lost his ring in that direction. Sara Jo—for now and always, or . . . ? N. Candido . . . too much pride? Paul . . . Did you really pick out three hymns in church! Rumors are flying . . . Vaughan K. . . 2 girls at the same drive-in. Cyn T. . . What! a crush on C. G.? Jan Thorpe—you can't be hungry again! Alice A. . . Do you have a hard time falling into cars? Irene W. . . made up your mind yet? B. Meissner . . . What did Roger say? June B. . . Why doesn't Earl trust you? Ralph D'Amato . . . Still like them petite? Gail F.—Are you still a fan of that F.F.A. fellow? Oh! Tommy, that real cool haircut! Donnie H. . . Why couldn't Janie hear all the "Bloopers" record? Stanley D. . . 100 points? Joyce M. . . Chicopee is a nice place, isn't it? Sally H. . . Why is Pete so jealous? Janet DuLong . . . It's nice to have a ride home . . . isn't it? Butch S. . .

Let's have her last name! Audry . . . shy quiz kid? Berta . . . There's an old saying "Love is Blind!" Ricky Stahle . . . Two-timer? Nancy R. . . That bathing suit! Ask C. Grasso who it is now! Nancy H. . . working for college? Betty, is it really cold in Alaska? Marion Templeman "Johnny is the Boy for Me"! Dora P. . . My, aren't you busy these days! S. Pond . . . Did Bob call yet? Franny W. . . Ma says "Don't slug people at baseball games"! Janet T. . . Who is the interest? Peter C. . . Had me fooled! The grape vine has it that Judy B. was wrong again. . . yes, Judy! E. Dumond . . . Oh, Saturday night! Judy P. . . Isn't love grand! Dorothy R. . . Why are you so anxious for May to come? Linda K. . . whose ring? Brenda . . . Didn't George go? Bertha L. . . What's the secret of keeping two on a string? Joe P. . . Jane, yes, or Jane, no! Barb M. . . Why didn't you ride in the car with Chet, didn't you like the other passenger? Carol B. . . What was the sudden interest Sunday night. A certain assembly is in sight; some poor Juniors aren't sleeping at night! Carol and Danny Connie and Harriet . . . don't you love 6th period? Rolly Merk . . . Can't you make any headway? A. Grasso . . . It was a nice ride—while it lasted. We hear that quite a few Junior girls have the yen to lead the Junior-Senior Prom come May 21! Roger Phaneuf . . . A FRESHMAN, HONEST!

Don't breathe a sigh of relief, because we still have one more super special issue to go. SENIORS . . . Do you remember when . . . Oh, well, that's for next month! So long now!

Music Notes

On May 15th, 68 members of the Glee Club will go to Pittsfield to attend the annual Western Massachusetts Music Festival. The numbers they will audition on are: "March of the Piers," "Go Song of Mine," and "Laudamus." The band and chorus will also march in the parade.

Forty members, consisting of sophomore, junior, and senior boys and girls, will participate in the Mass. Chorus.

This year, as in past years, Agawam is expected to put on an exceptional audition.

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MODEL CONGRESS OPPOSED TO McCARTHY'S TACTICS

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to pass, or with no recommendations at all. Two of the bills sponsored by the Agawam delegation were recommended to pass. These were bills for building a space satellite, sponsored by Dick Davenport, and one for surveying our national highways, sponsored by Larry Gallerani. A bill to establish a Federal—State—Municipal Police Force, sponsored by John Bumstead, was voted down in committee. All bills were then sent to the Congress, to be enacted upon the following day.

On Friday night a party was held, with dancing and refreshments, for delegates to the Congress.

On Saturday, April 10th, the delegates were informed to which house of Congress their bills had been sent, and where they themselves had been assigned. All five students from Agawam were in the House of Representatives, as were their bills. In the House eighteen bills were defeated, and nine were passed. Among those passed were income-tax exemptions for working students, and more income-tax exemptions for parents of college students.

The most controversial bill on the agenda was sponsored by Jeremy Scanlon of Westfield. It began as a bill to impeach Senator McCarthy. This was voted down in committee, so that Representative Scanlon then amended his bill so that it censured the Senator for his shady dealings. The House felt this was too much to do without actual proof and amended the resolution to state the opposition of the House to McCarthy's tactics in running his committee investigations. This bill and its results were closely watched by the newspapers, and much was written about the Congress's actions.

The Agawam delegation along with West Springfield, Loconia, New Hampshire, Mount St. Mary's of New Hampshire, Ludlow, Lawrence High of Falmouth, and several other schools formed a block which voted together on many bills. It might be said that this was the first time in many years that Agawam and West Side had worked together, side by side, so industriously.

At the banquet Saturday night, first prize of a full year's tuition to A. I. C. was given to Jeremy Scanlon of Westfield. Second and third prizes, one semester scholarships to A. I. C., went to Judith Feinberg of Hill-House (N. H.) and Robert Silig of Laconia (N. H.). John Bumsted of Agawam took an honorable mention.

The Congress proved most interesting and very educational. If any of the students here at Agawam get a chance to attend in future years, it is an opportunity that should not be neglected.

PRO MERITO CONVENTION

The annual Pro Merito State convention will be held at Amherst High School in Amherst, Massachusetts, on Thursday, May 6, 1954. The convention will consist of dinner, a meeting, speakers, music, and fun for

all. It will be held from 4 to 8 p. m.

All seniors, having achieved Pro Merito rating, are cordially invited to attend.

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Agawam Takes League Opener

Agawam High traveled to Ware, Mass., on April 16, to defeat Ware High School, 15-2.

Bobby Anderson started his second game on the mound, this time pitching it out to the last inning. During seven innings Anderson walked only four men, while striking out eight.

Sorel and Quink did the hurling for Ware during the first two innings. Between they they allowed seven walks and filled the bases with no outs in the second inning, at which time a five foot freshman was called in, with the heart of the Agawam battery coming up. The determined youngster set to work and fanned his first three opposing batters, O'Keefe, LeClerc, and Slate, to end the heated second inning. Faletnick, the freshman pitcher, went on to finish the game for Ware, ending with eight strikeouts and allowing only three walks.

Cardone, O'Keefe, R. Anderson, and J. Anderson led the Brownie attack with two hits each. Dick DiLullo belted the only extra base hit for Agawam, a double. Bob Ander-

son, the winning pitcher, led the Brownies with four runs batted in.

R H E

Agawam	2	4	1	0	5	1	2	15	13	2
Ware	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	3

Brownies Whip Trade, 14-5

Agawam High School opened its baseball season on April 13, by swamping Trade High School of Springfield, 14-5. The battle was fought at Blunt Park.

The Brownies started the ball rolling in the third inning by scoring one run, and then maintaining the lead for the rest of the game.

Bob Anderson started on the mound for Agawam and allowed only three hits in the five innings he pitched. He was then replaced by Phil Cardone, who finished the game.

Cardone, LeClerc, and Losito were the leading batters for the Brownies with two hits apiece. Pat Losito came up with the only extra base hit for Agawam, a double.

It was a real victory for Agawam in many ways. Besides looking impressive in their opening game, they defeated a larger Springfield school, and also won the first game under the tutelage of Mr. Sarantopoulos, who certainly seems to have increased the interest in Agawam High baseball.

R H E

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Trade	000	021	011	5	8	8

Turn-Table

"Cross Over the Bridge"—Joe Pisano

"Stranger in Paradise"—Mac with Terry C.

"Secret Love"—Theresa Wright

"Make Love to Me"—Dick Coburn

"Some One of These Days"—No more homework

"Til Then"—Janet and Bruce

"It's Three O'Clock in the Morning"—Vaughn Kelly

"Young at Heart"—Gerry Barubee

"Flirtation Waltz"—John Cardone

"Alone"—Tommy O'Keefe

"Why"—do we go to school on nice days?

"Nobody Loves me"—Roger Phaneuf

"A Girl, A Girl"—Ray Saracino

"Down by the Riverside"—Craig and Sara Jo

"Wanted"—A good baseball season

"To Be Alone"—Jim and "Jeanie"

"Broke, Barefoot, and Starry-Eyed"—the Senior Class

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Bumsted's Words For the Birds

Lots of folks would like to live in Washington, if only to be near their money.

People who live in glass houses had better answer the doorbell.

When the white man discovered this country, the Indians were running it. There were no taxes, there was no debt. The women did all the work. And the white man thought he could improve on a system like that!

The upkeep of woman is the downfall of man.

A windbag is a person who talks so much, you get hoarse listening to him.

The man of few words usually takes several hours to tell you he is a man of few words.

Children are natural mimics; they act like their parents in spite of every effort to teach them good manners.

People are funny. Pat them on the backs and their heads swell.

A girl is like your shadow; follow her, she flies; fly from her, she follows.

Going steady is an island of emotions entirely surrounded by expenses.

Life is just one continuous struggle to keep the money coming in—and our hair, teeth, and vital organs from falling out.

The only time a girl listens is when money talks.

When all is said and done, usually a good deal more has been said than done.

When everybody attends to his own business, news is scarce.

Sophomore News

Barry Norby arrived at Agawam High on March 30. He had previously lived in Florida. During an interview I found out that Barry plans to go into the Air Force next year. He is very interested in planes. He also thinks the students of Agawam are quite friendly.

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R ugged—Roger LeClerc
O ptimistic—Craig McEwan
W itty—Dick DiLullo
N ice—Roger Phaneuf
I ncredible—Ray Saracino
E nergetic—Mr. Sarantopoulos
S miling—Jimmy Hauser

"The Case"

In this world there was a country;
In this country there was a town;
In this town there was a yard;
In this yard there was a house;
In this house there was a room;
In this room there was a chair;
In this chair there was a man;
In this man there was a heart;
In this heart there was a knife, dum
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